

I am writing to urge you, in the strongest of terms, to maintain existing cross-ownership restrictions for media companies. These restrictions have already been weakened significantly, and with predictable results. Today in America, we have more cable news stations and more print media, but far less NEWS. Increasingly, I am embarrassed to find myself turning to SCOLA or non-U.S. websites to get news that is unavailable in the United States. I don't know how much more abuse our frail democracy can take before we find ourselves in a self-propagandizing plutocracy; doomed forever with the "choice" between tweedle-dee and tweedle-dum.

PLEASE; so many of the faults in our democracy can be fixed with media regulation in the public interest, not deregulation in the corporate interest. And these solutions are far less messy, and far more effective, than campaign finance reform and its ilk.